

REMARKS

The first Office Action rejects claims 1-14 as being anticipated by the Fry patent. Fry discloses a "post-it" type note with adhesive sprayed in two areas on the back (22, 22a). These areas of adhesive are side-by-side. The Office Action points to these areas of adhesive as being "droplet formed."

The independent claims of the present application are amended to indicate that the droplet-formed layers are one atop the other, which Fry does not disclose.

Fry also does not disclose several features claimed in new dependent claims. For example, new claim 20 indicates that the first and second controlled droplet-formed layers comprise layers of a product selected from the following group: a film formed by depositing successive layers, a label having a plurality of layers, and a tape.

New claim 21 claims an adhesive label having facestock and an adhesive layer, the facestock and adhesive layer both being droplet-formed. Claims 22-26 add further novel features.

Claim 27 claims at least one layer comprising crystalized salt. Claim 28 claims at least one of the layers comprising a polymeric film. Claims 29-31 claim laminate structures having different properties in different dimensions, as claimed. Claim 32 claims at least one of the droplet-formed layers comprises micro-encapsulated materials. Claim 33 relates to a laminate having a plurality of droplet-formed layers that provide at least one of tactile and/or aesthetic visual effect.

Claim 34 indicates that at least one of the droplet-formed layers is a release layer having voids.

Claims 39 and 40 define a label with several droplet-formed layers, and claim 41 defines a matrix-free label sheet of droplet-formed labels.

The cited art does not disclose or suggest any of these features. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable, and a prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$550.00 is enclosed to cover the charges for seven claims beyond 20 and an additional independent claim. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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